

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the present amendment and following discussion, is respectfully requested.

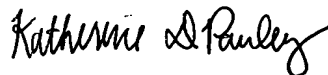
Claims 1-13 are pending; Claims 14 and 15 are canceled herewith. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added by this amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claim 14 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Grabelsky et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,678,250) in view of Romana et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,785,285); and Claim 15 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Natarajan et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,765,864).

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication that Claims 1-13 are allowed. Because Claims 14 and 15 have been canceled herewith, it is respectfully submitted that the outstanding rejections have been rendered moot and the present application is now in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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